

SPIDER-MAN
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KING-SIZE SPECIAL!

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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

ALL
NEW

SPIDEY
FACES:
THE
MIGHTY
AVENGERS!
AND
THE
INCREDIBLE
HULK!
'NUFF
SAID!



PLUS...

THE MOST ACTION-PACKED
OF ALL THE DOC OCK OPUSES!
BOTH IN ONE BOOK FOR THE
FIRST TIME! ... SEE WHY

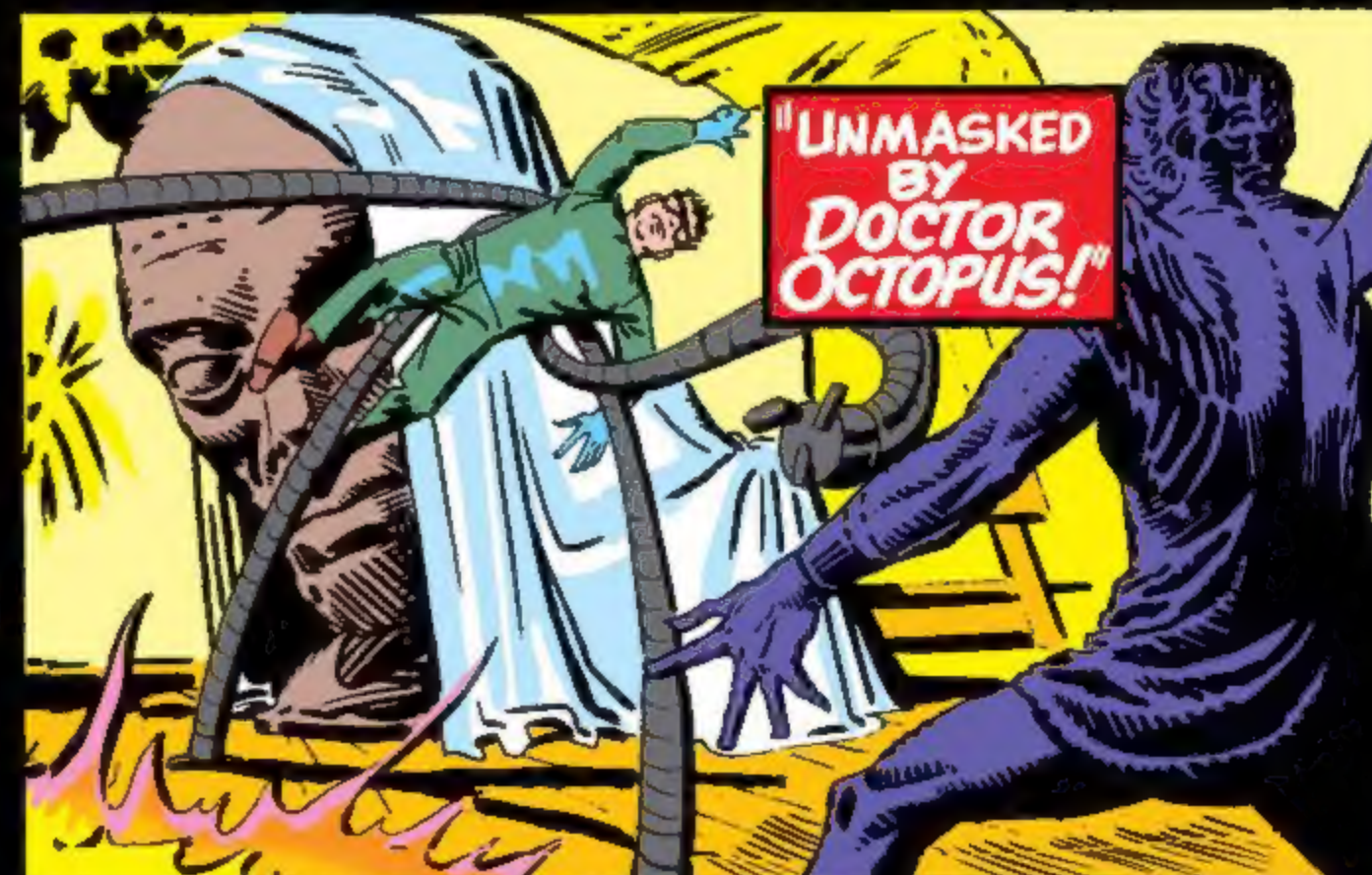
DOCTOR OCTOPUS

HAS BEEN CALLED THE
GREATEST VILLAIN OF ALL!

"RETURN OF
DOCTOR
OCTOPUS!"



"UNMASKED
BY
DOCTOR
OCTOPUS!"



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

"...TO BECOME AN AVENGER!"

GUEST-
STARRING:
THE
INCREDIBLE
HULK

AT AN EXTRAORDINARY
EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE MIGHTY AVENGERS,
WE FIND--

WE'VE STUDIED THAT PHOTO OF
SPIDER-MAN LONG ENOUGH!
IT'S TIME TO DECIDE WHETHER
TO OFFER HIM AVENGERS
MEMBERSHIP!

I VOTE YES!
WHAT'S THE
SENSE OF
WASTIN' TIME?
HE'S A REAL
SWINGER, AND
ME, I DIG
HIS STYLE!

BUT, YOU TEND
TO IDENTIFY
WITH HIM,
HAWKEYE,
BECAUSE, HE
TOO, HAS BEEN
WANTED BY
THE LAW!

I VOTE NO!
I HATE ANY-
THING TO
DO WITH
SPIDERS!

HE MUST BE
CAREFULLY
TESTED! IT'S
THE ONLY
FAIR WAY!

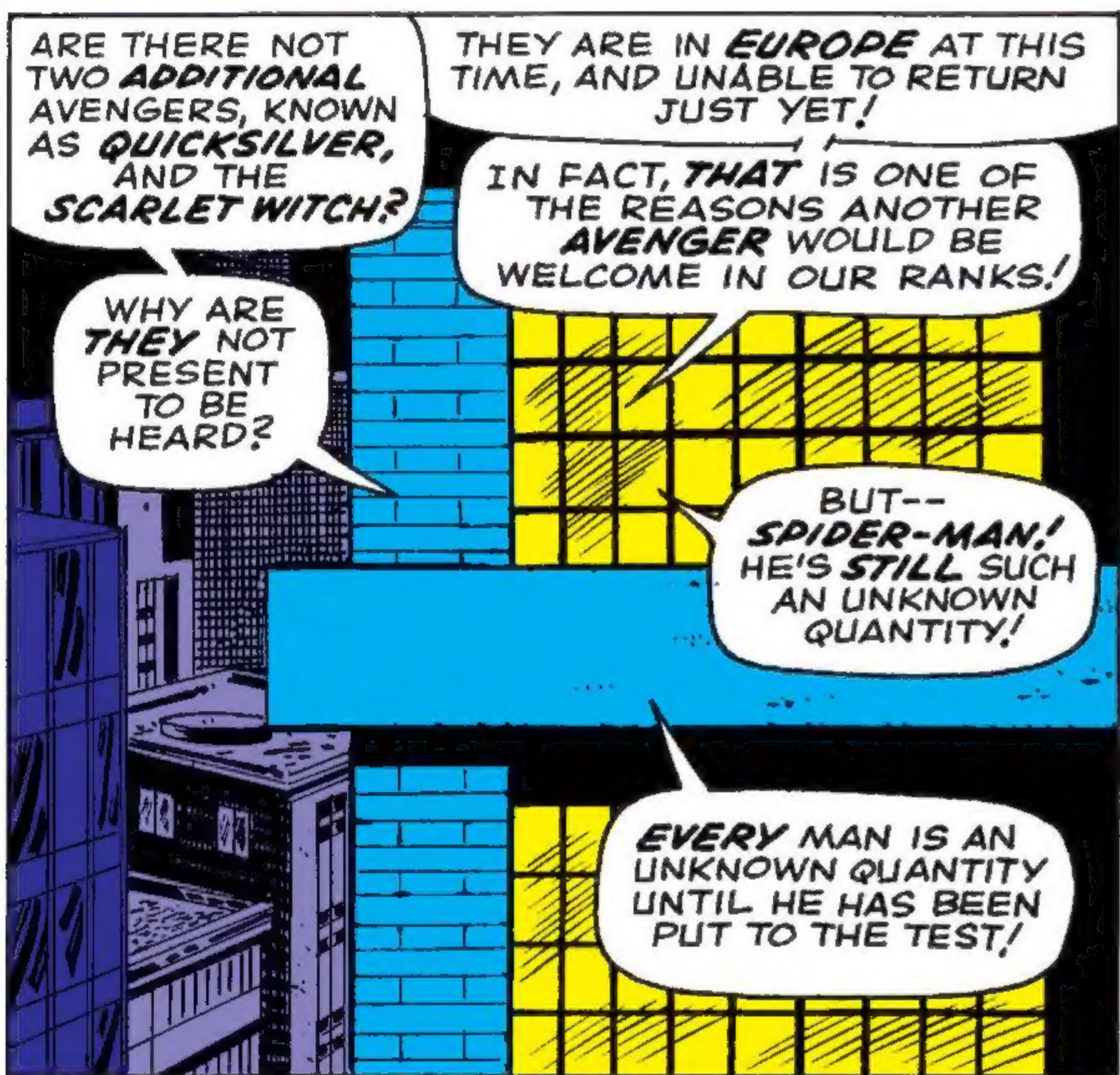
TO MOST OF US
HE IS STILL A
NAMELESS
ENIGMA!

WE MUST LEARN
WHETHER SPIDER-
MAN CAN TRULY
BE TRUSTED!

IT'S A MOMENTOUS
DECISION! WE
DARE NOT MAKE
A MISTAKE!

HOW'S
THIS
FOR A
ZINGY
COMBO?

SCRIPT WRITIN' BY SMILIN' STAN LEE
LAYOUTS BY JAZZY JOHNNY ROMITA
PENCILIN' BY DASHIN' DONNIE HECK
INKIN' BY MIRTHFUL MICKEY DEMEO
LETTERIN' BY ADORABLE ARTIE SIMEK





WE NEED ONLY **BLANKET THE AREA** WITH HIGH-FREQUENCY RADIO SIGNALS --AND HOPE THAT HE'S WITHIN RANGE!

IT WON'T TAKE LONG! I'LL START **SENDING** RIGHT AWAY!

I'LL USE INTER-NATIONAL **MORSE CODE** SIGNALS!

HOW COME WE'VE NEVER OFFERED MEMBERSHIP TO **DAREDEVIL**?

PERHAPS WE **WILL**, SOME DAY...

AS SOON AS SOME AVENGER PROPOSES HIM OFFICIALLY!

A SHORT TIME LATER, AS THE FAMOUS **MAN WITHOUT FEAR** PATROLS THE CITY'S ROOFTOPS--

POWERFUL **RADIO WAVES** --FILLING THE AIR! IT'S A SIGNAL--TO ME--FROM THE **AVENGERS!**

WHATEVER THEY WANT--MUST BE **IMPORTANT!**



THUS, MOMENTS LATER...

THE **MIGHTY AVENGERS!** MY **CURIOSITY** WOULDN'T LET ME IGNORE YOUR SUMMONS!

WE **APPRECIATE** YOUR COMING!

TO PUT IT FRANKLY, DAREDEVIL--WHAT WE'RE AFTER IS **INFORMATION--**

YEAH! ABOUT **SPIDER-MAN!**

WE HAVE A **REQUEST** TO MAKE--!

ENTER--AND BE HEARD!

MMMM. I HOPE HE'S A SLOW TALKER!



MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, WE FOUGHT SIDE-BY-SIDE AGAINST THE **RINGMASTER--*** AND SPIDEY WAS AS GREAT A PARTNER AS ONE COULD HOPE FOR!

MORE RECENTLY, I ENCOUNTERED HIM AGAIN,** AND HE WAS **STRONGER**, AND MORE **SKILLFUL** THAN EVER!

IF HE'S BEING CONSIDERED AS A POTENTIAL **AVENGER**, HE GETS MY **HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION!**

THAT'S JUST WHAT WE WANTED TO KNOW!

***SPIDEY#16. **DAREDEVIL#s 16 & 17. --SMILEY.**



THEN, AFTER THE SIGHTLESS ADVENTURER HAS DEPARTED...

BIG DEAL! I TOLDJA THAT A HALF HOUR AGO!

I VOTE THAT **SPIDER-MAN** QUALIFIES TO BE TESTED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE **AVENGERS!**

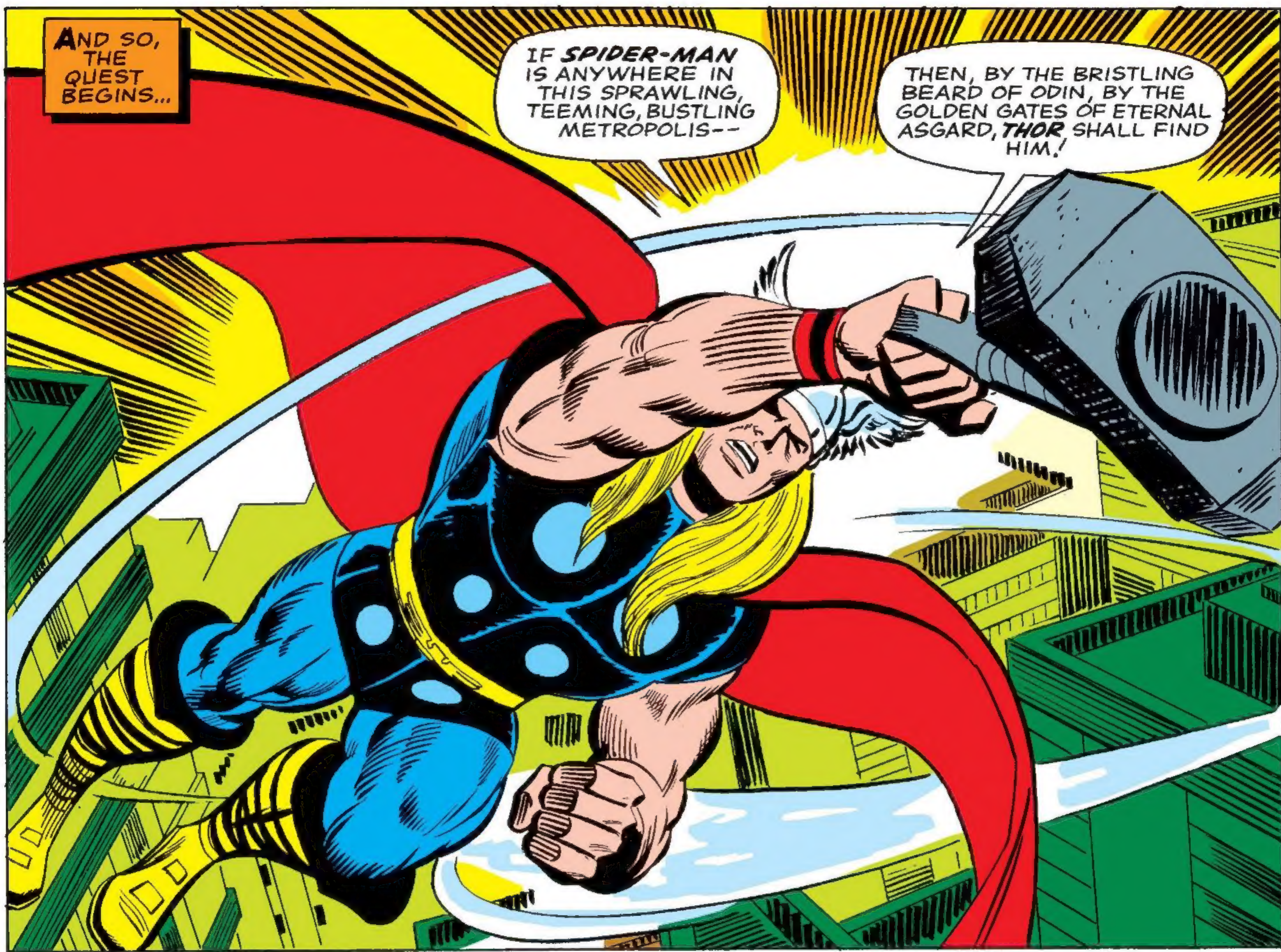
I WON'T LET MY NATURAL **WASP'S** AVERSION TO SPIDERS PREJUDICE ME! I VOTE **YES**, ALSO!

I'M **PROUD** OF YOU, HONEY! SPIDEY GETS **GOLIATH'S** VOTE, TOO!

AND SO SAYS THE **GOD OF THUNDER!**

GOOD! THEN I'LL MAKE IT **UNANIMOUS!**

NOW, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS **FIND HIM!**



AND SO,
THE
QUEST
BEGINS...

IF *SPIDER-MAN*
IS ANYWHERE IN
THIS SPRAWLING,
TEEMING, BUSTLING
METROPOLIS--

THEN, BY THE BRISTLING
BEARD OF ODIN, BY THE
GOLDEN GATES OF ETERNAL
ASGARD, *THOR* SHALL FIND
HIM!



OTHERS, TOO, TAKE UP THE SEARCH FOR *SPIDER-MAN*--THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY WITH THE SAME GRANDILOQUENCE AS THE GOD OF THUNDER--

CAP WAS *RIGHT*! I
GUESS I *DO* KINDA
IDENTIFY WITH THAT
MASKED WEB-
SLINGER!

HE'S ALWAYS IN
TROUBLE WITH
THE POLICE--OR
SOMEONE--JUST
THE WAY *I*
USED'TA BE!

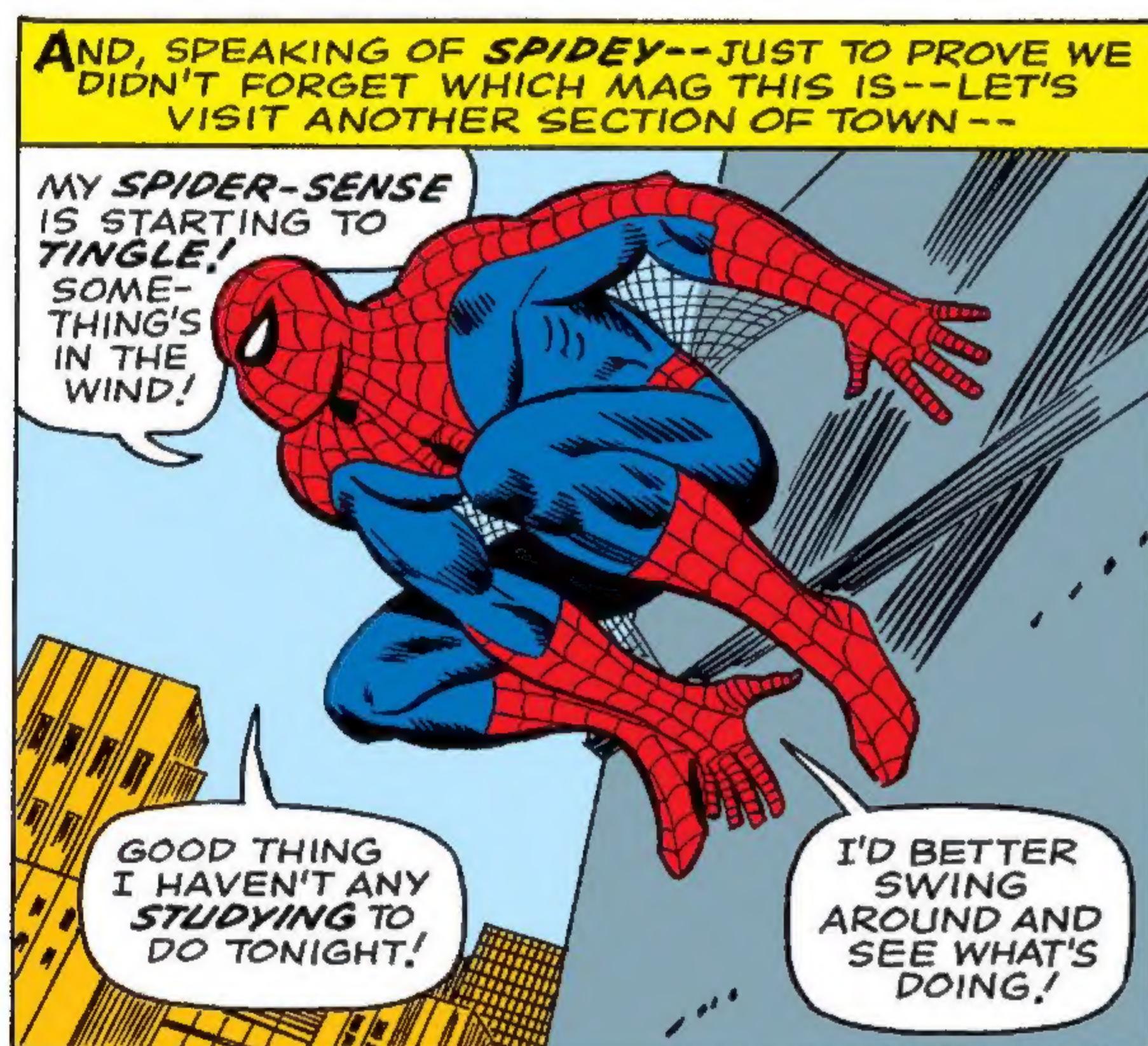
AND YET,
I GET THE
FEELIN'
THAT
SPIDEY'S A
GUY YOU
CAN *TRUST*
WITH YOUR
LAST
SAWBUCK!

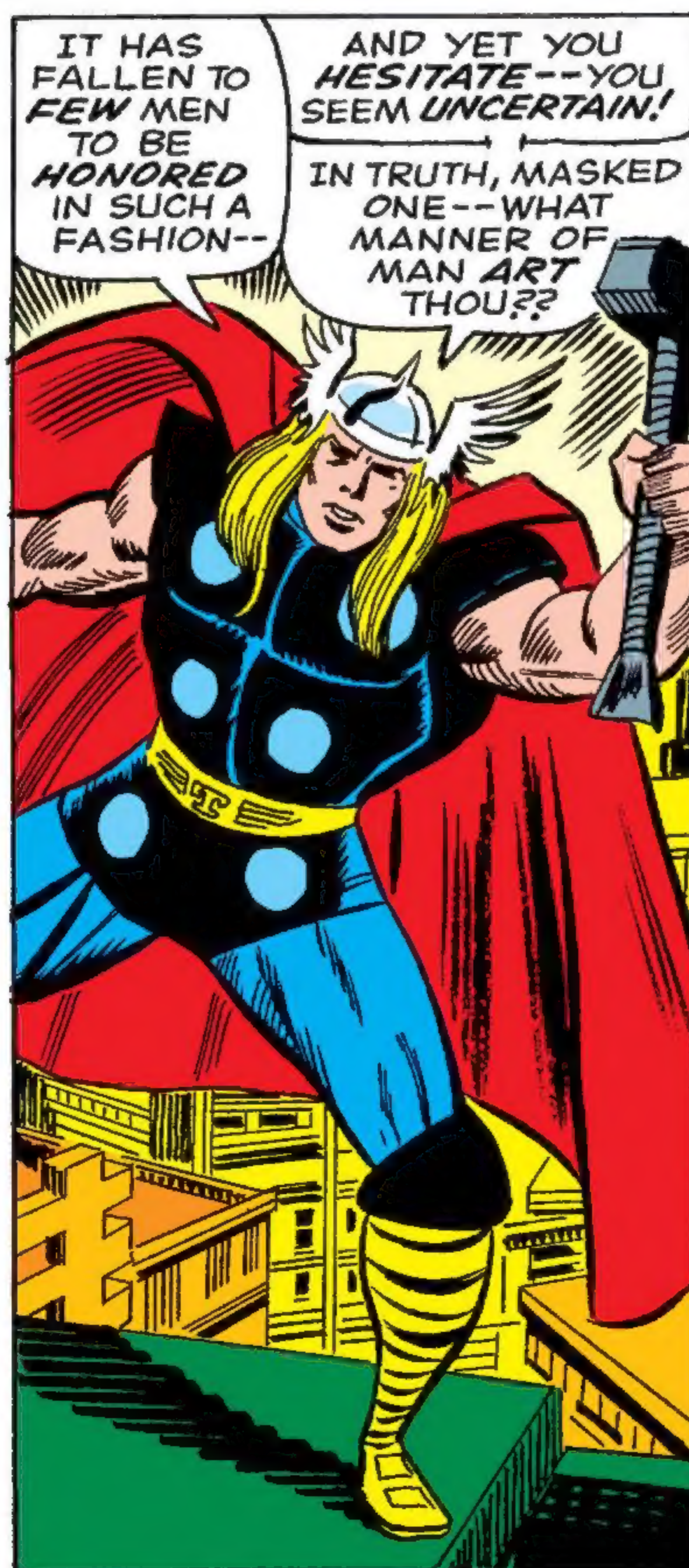
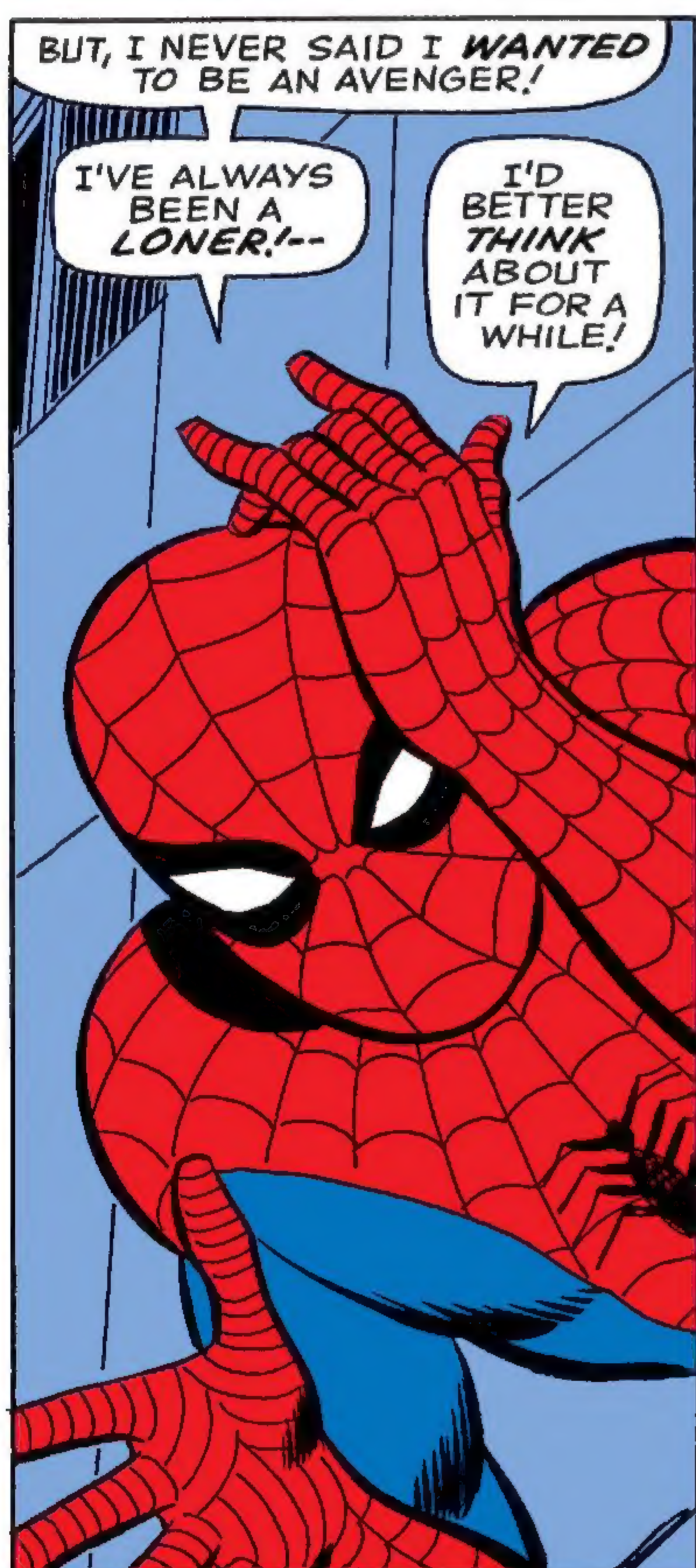
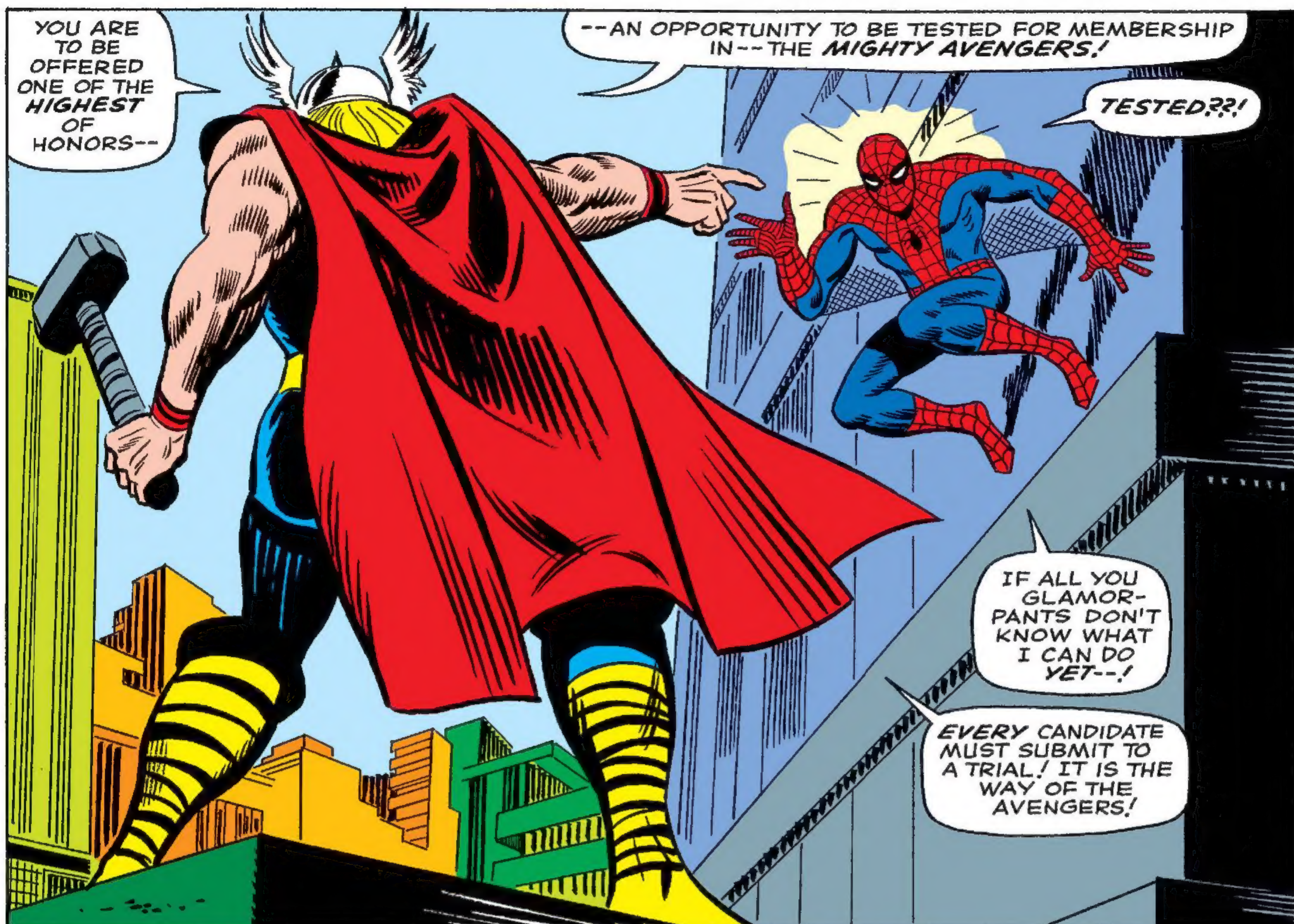
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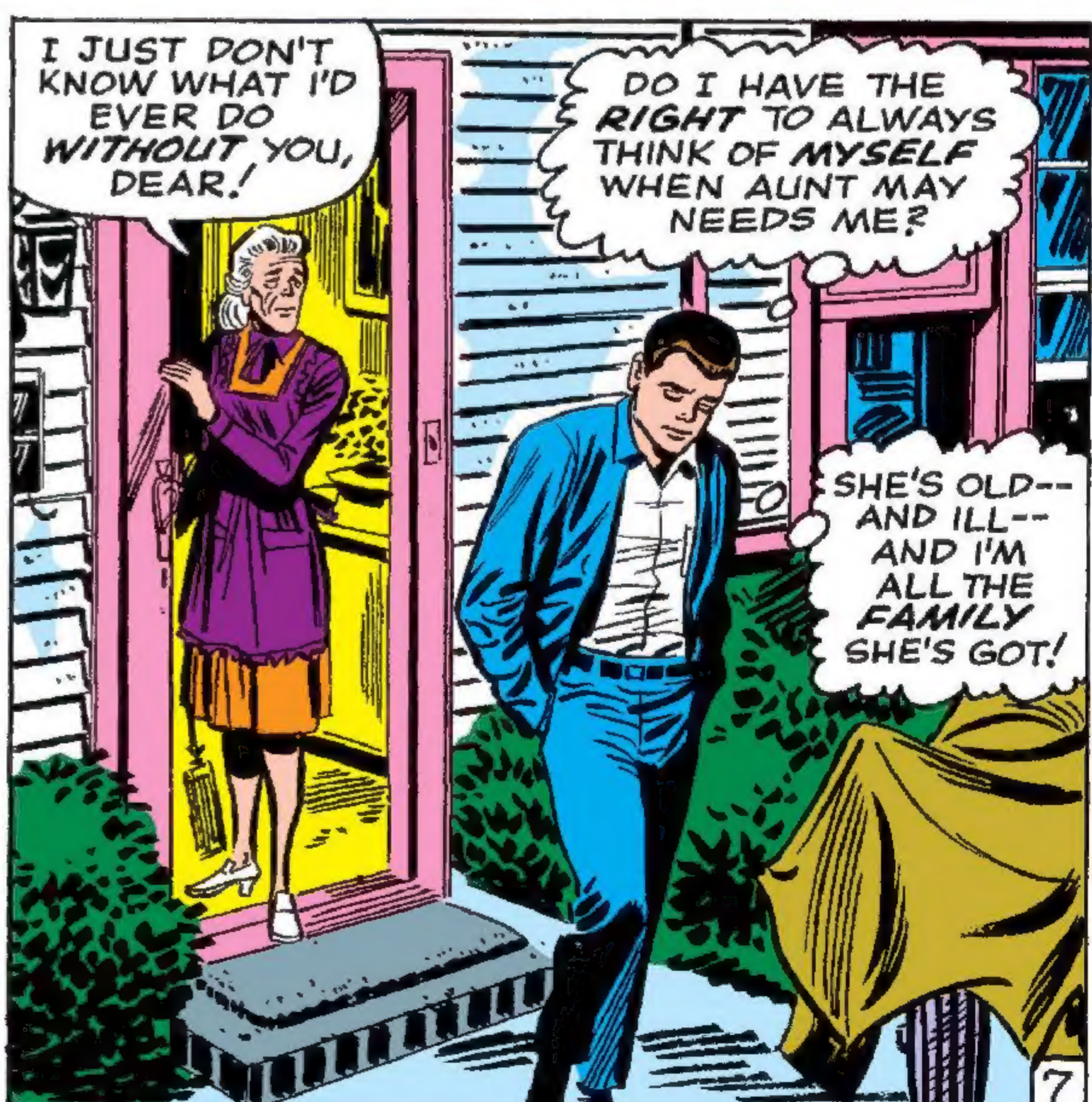
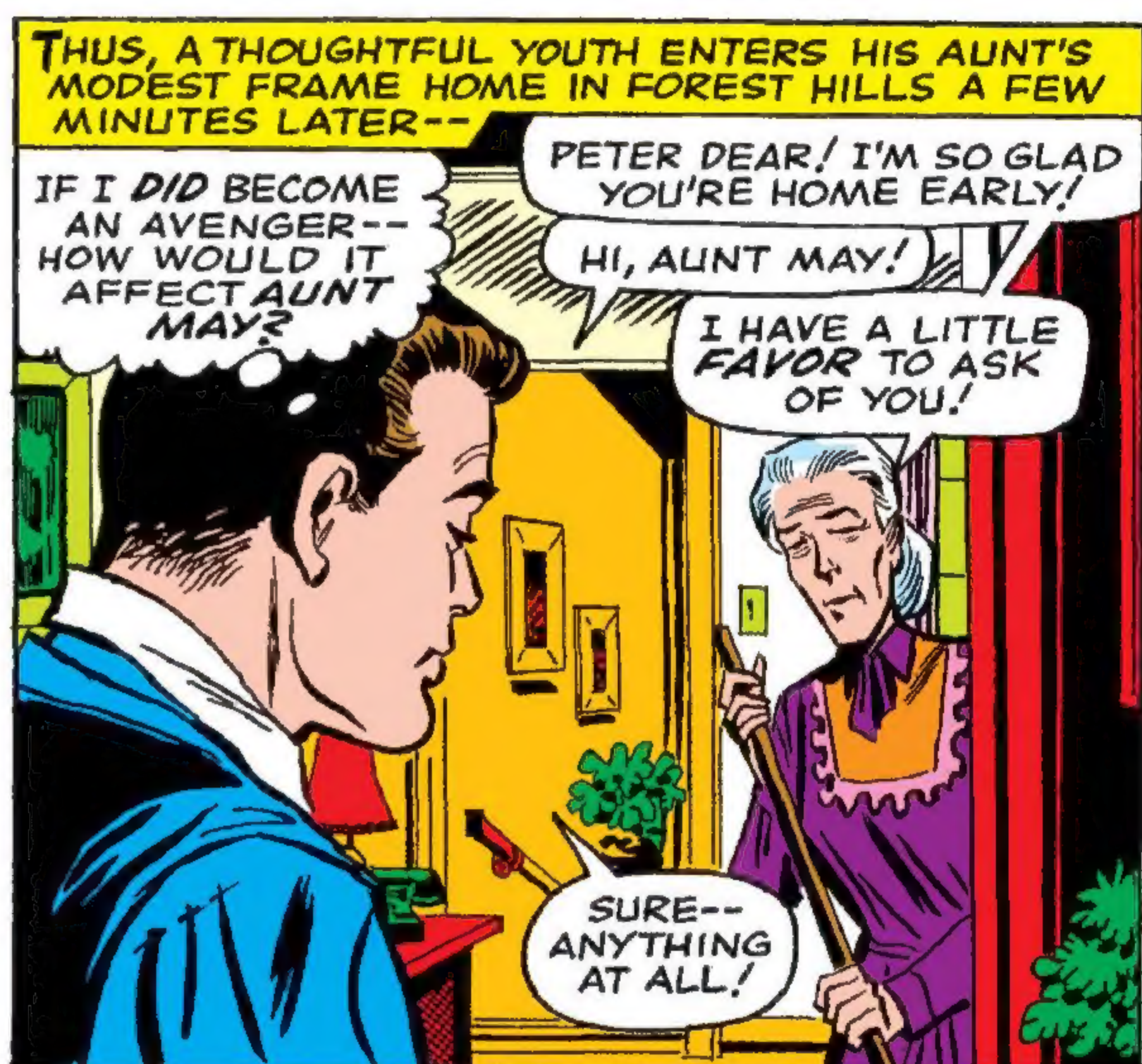
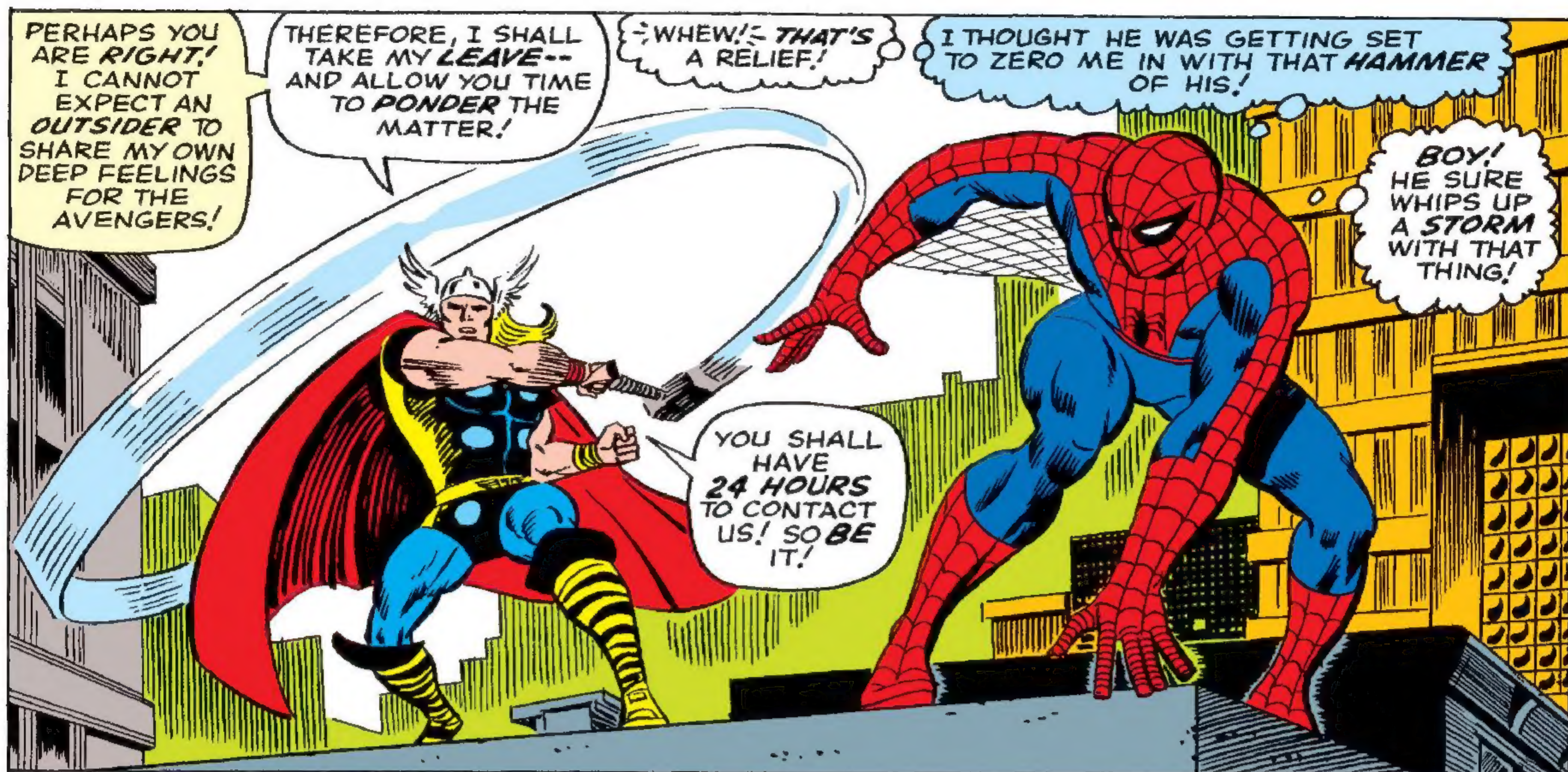


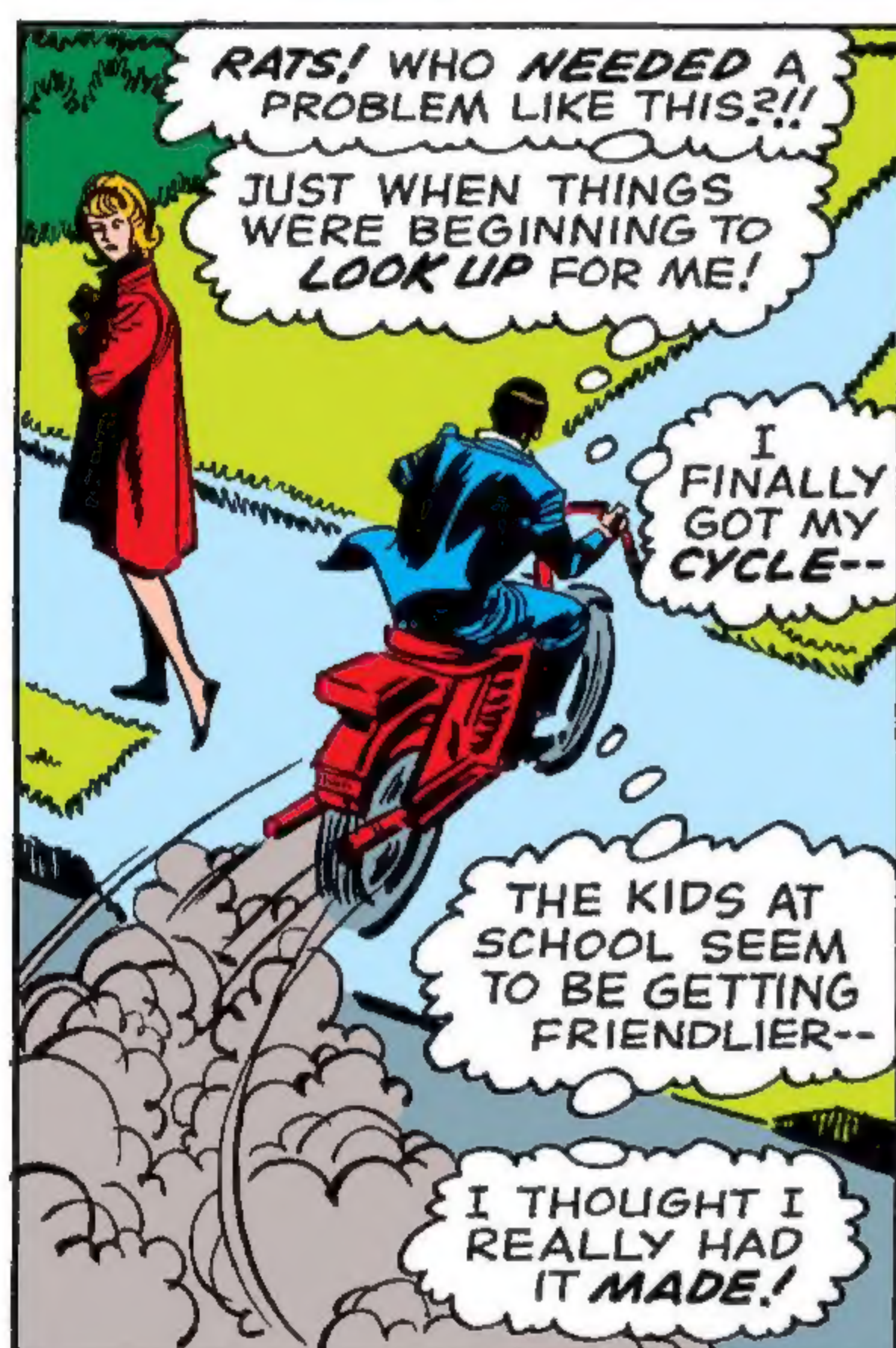
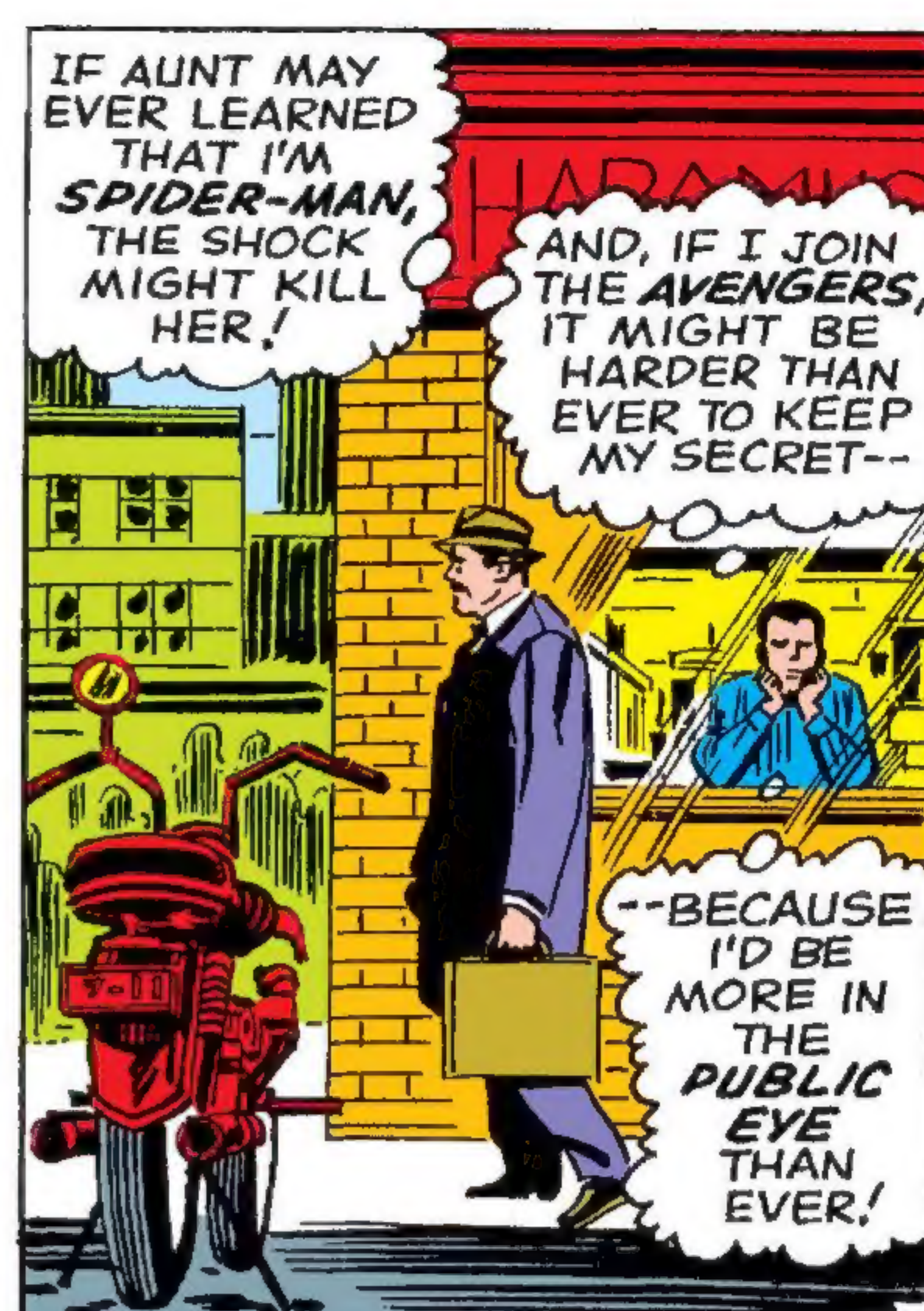
SINCE *THOR*
AND I ARE
UNABLE TO DEVOTE
FULL TIME TO THE
AVENGERS, *SPIDER-
MAN* COULD BE
JUST WHAT THEY
NEED!

BUT THERE'S
NO TELLING
WHAT HIS
ANSWER WILL
BE--*IF* WE
MANAGE TO
FIND HIM!









AND THEN--A SCENE THAT SHALL LIVE FOREVER IN THE HEARTS AND MEMORIES OF SPIDOPHILES EVERYWHERE! THE FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE MIGHTY AVENGERS--AND YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD WEB-SPINNER--!

WELCOME, SPIDER-MAN! AS ACTING CHAIRMAN, PRO TEM, FOR THIS MONTHLY SESSION, I GREET YOU IN THE NAME OF THE ASSEMBLED AVENGERS!

AND NOW, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE OTHERS OF OUR TEAM!

IF HE CAN'T RECOGNIZE US BY SIGHT, CAP--THEN HE'S NOT THE MAN WE'RE LOOKING FOR!

NEEDLESS TO SAY, I'M GOLIATH! I WANT TO WISH YOU LUCK ON YOUR TRYOUT WITH US, FELLA--PERSONALLY, I HOPE YOU MAKE IT!

AND I'M SURE THE WASP ECHOES MY SENTIMENTS!

DON'T LAY IT ON TOO THICK, BLUE EYES! SPIDER-MAN WILL NEVER BE MY FAVORITE PERSON-- BUT I'LL RESERVE JUDGEMENT TILL LATER!

THE NAME'S HAWKEYE, MISTER--AND AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'RE A SHOO-IN FOR APPROVAL!

WOW! YOU ALL SURE COME ON STRONG!

QUICKSILVER AND THE SCARLET WITCH COULDN'T BE WITH US TODAY, BUT THAT WON'T AFFECT OUR DECISION--

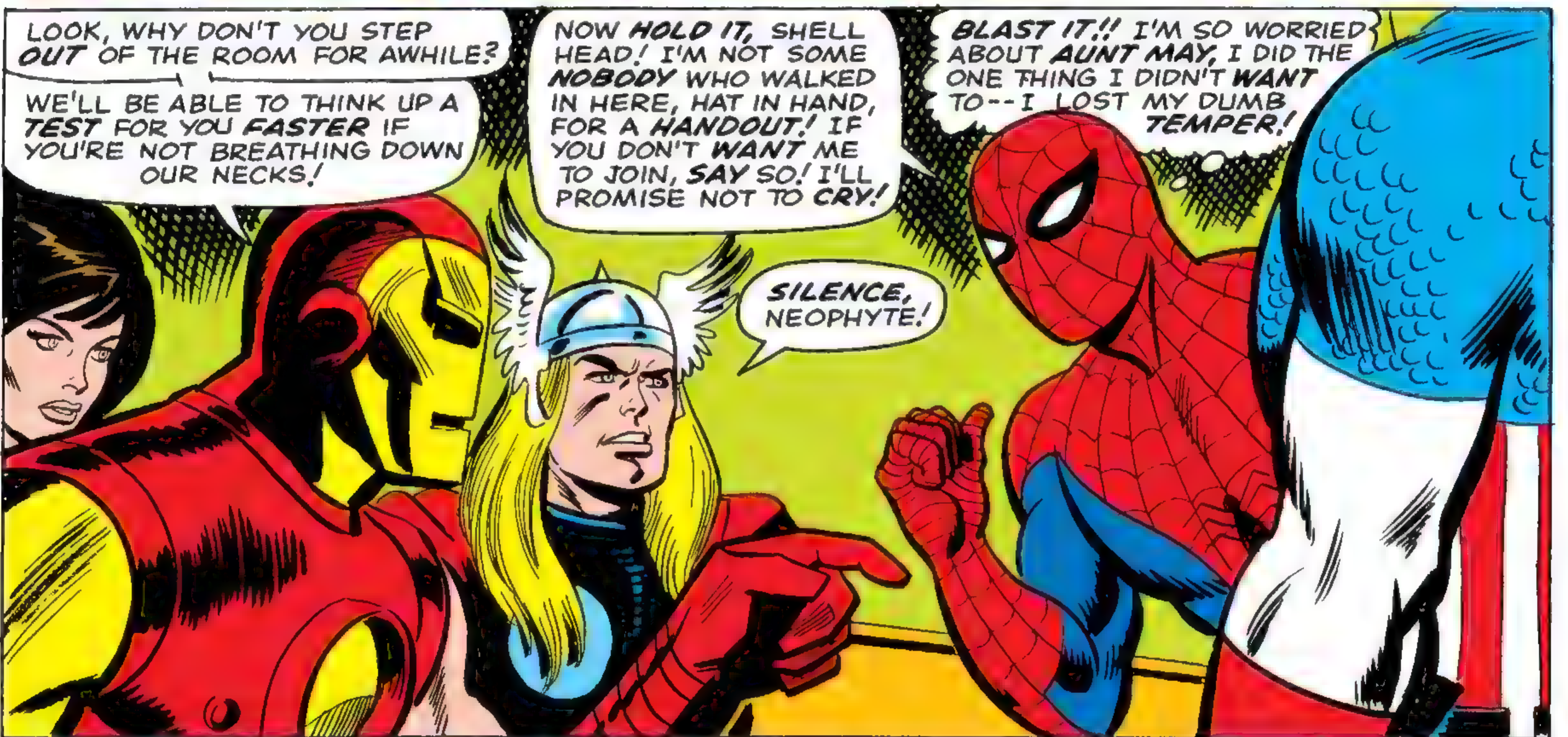
EVEN WITHOUT THEM WE HAVE A QUORUM, WHICH IS ALL WE NEED FOR OFFICIAL ACTIONS!

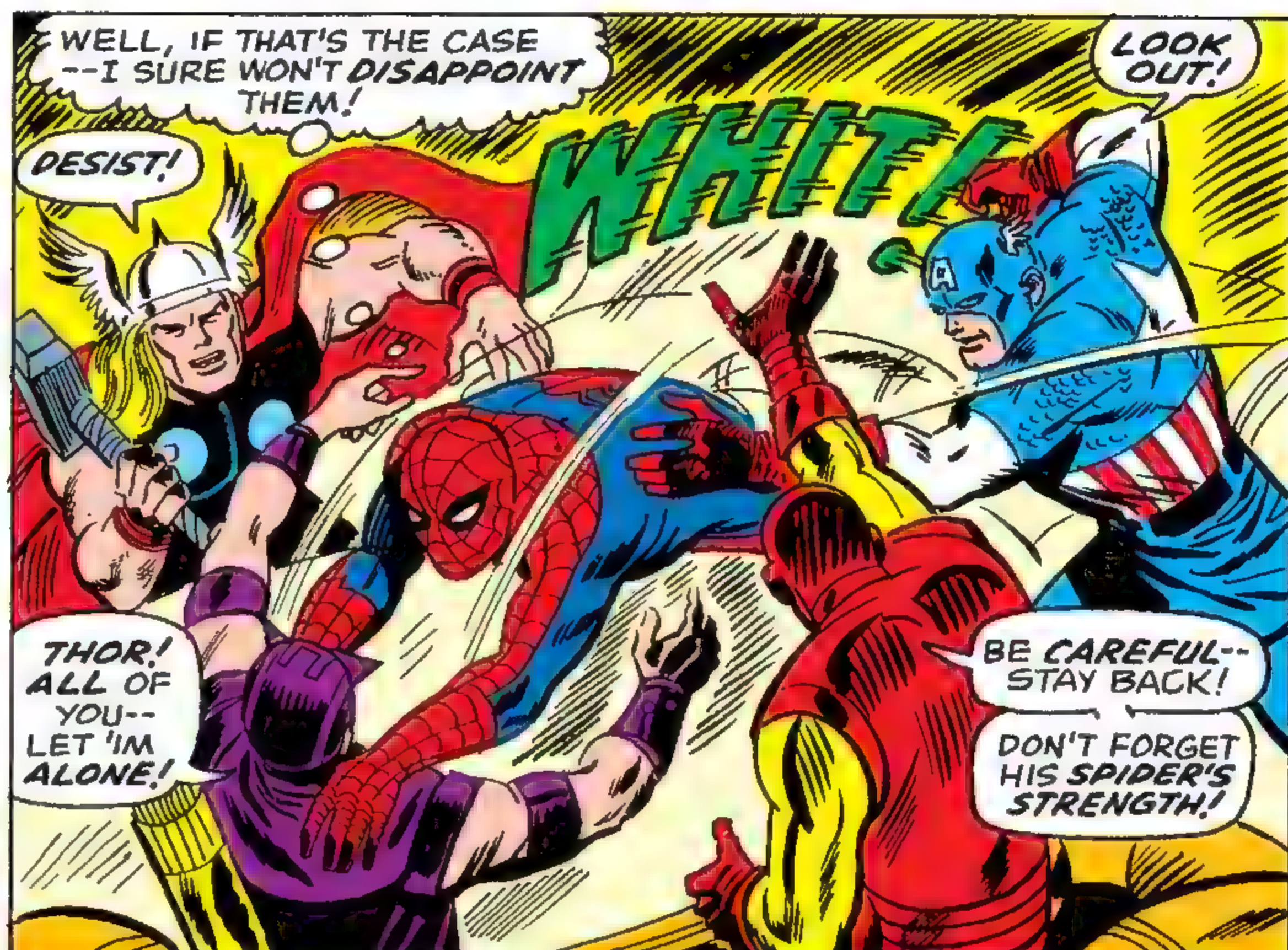
I BID YOU WELCOME, SPIDER-MAN!

WE MEET AS STRANGERS--

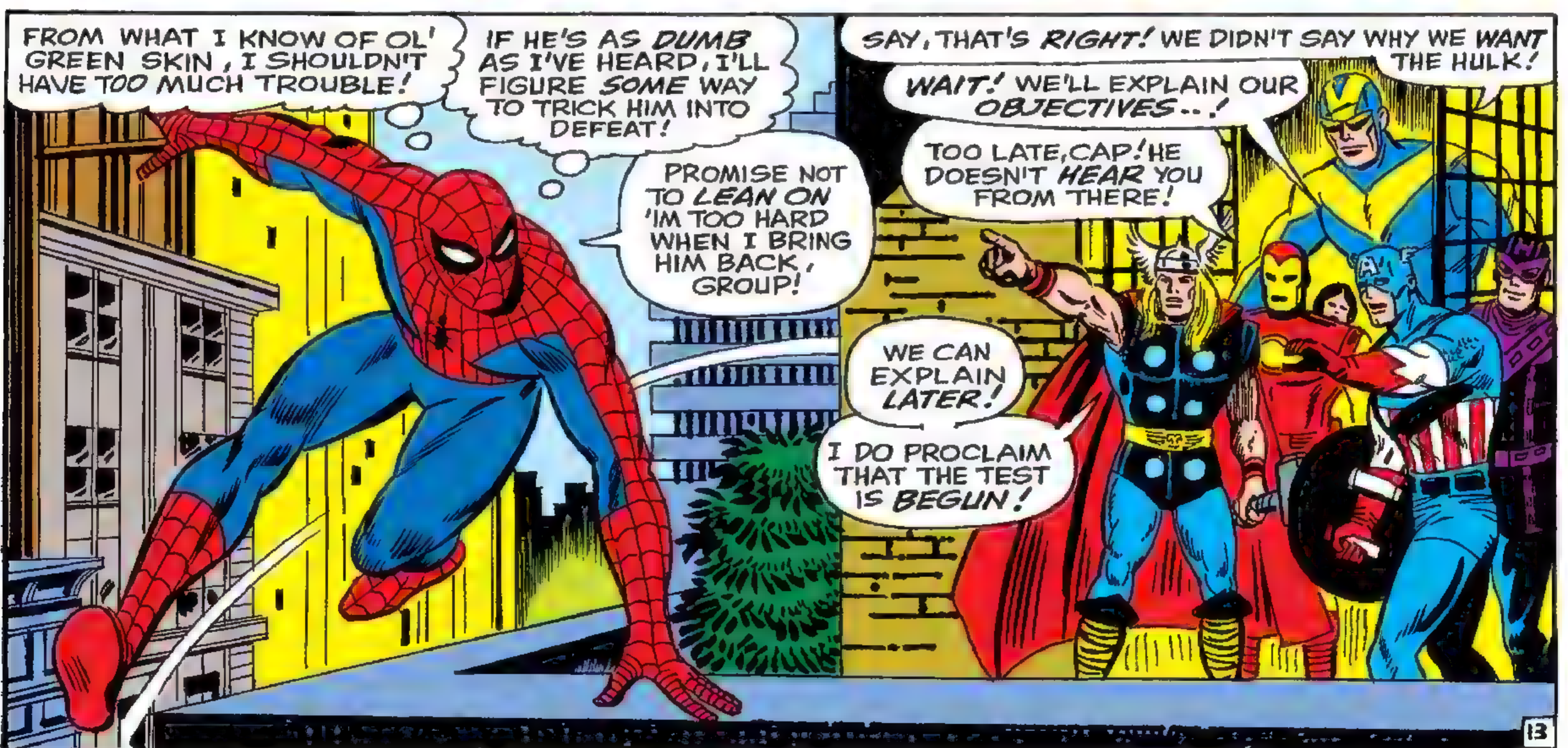
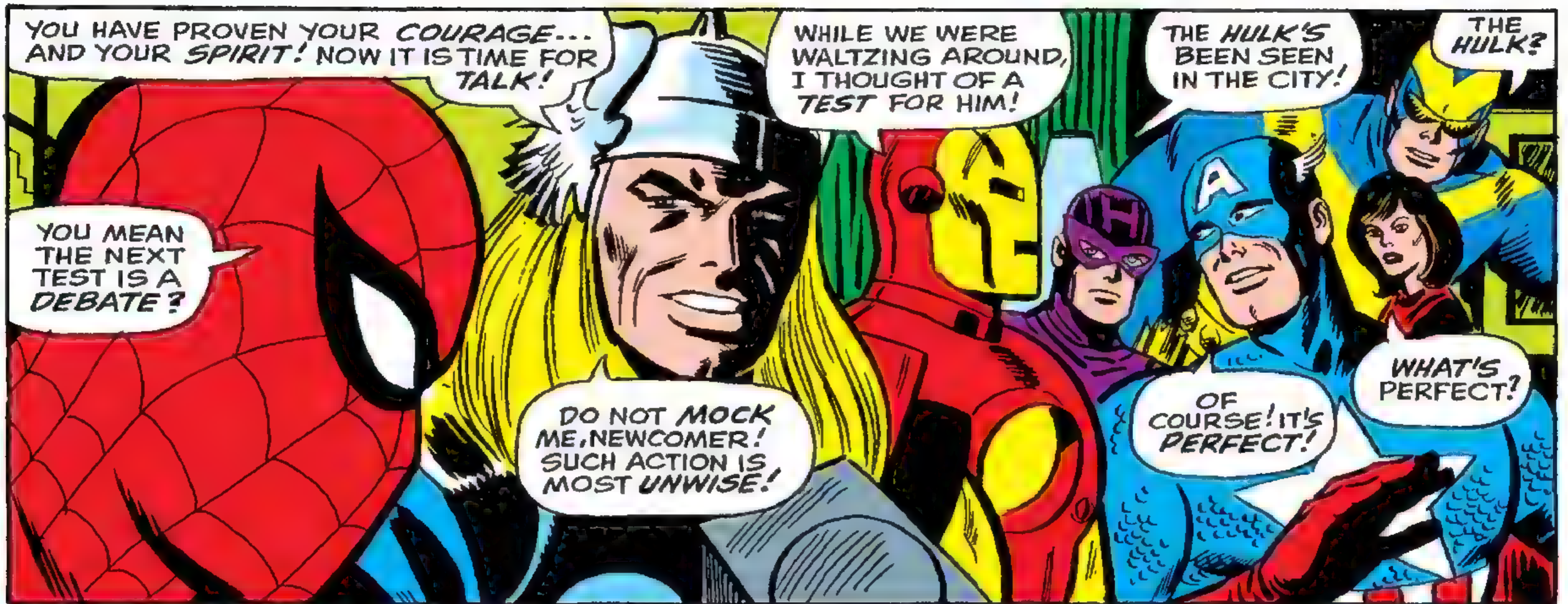
BUT, 'TIS MY HOPE WE SHALL SOON BECOME FIGHTING ALLIES!



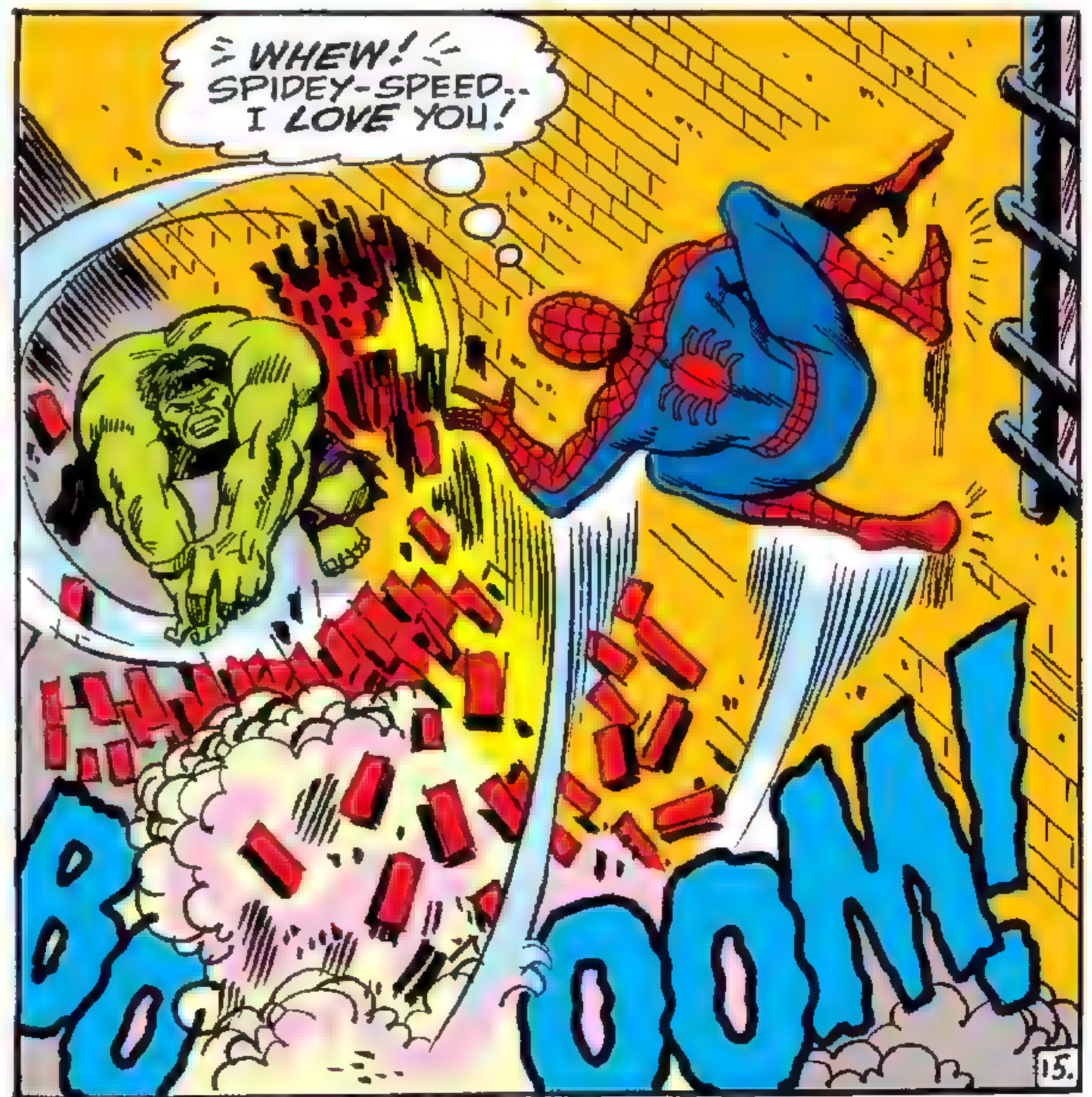
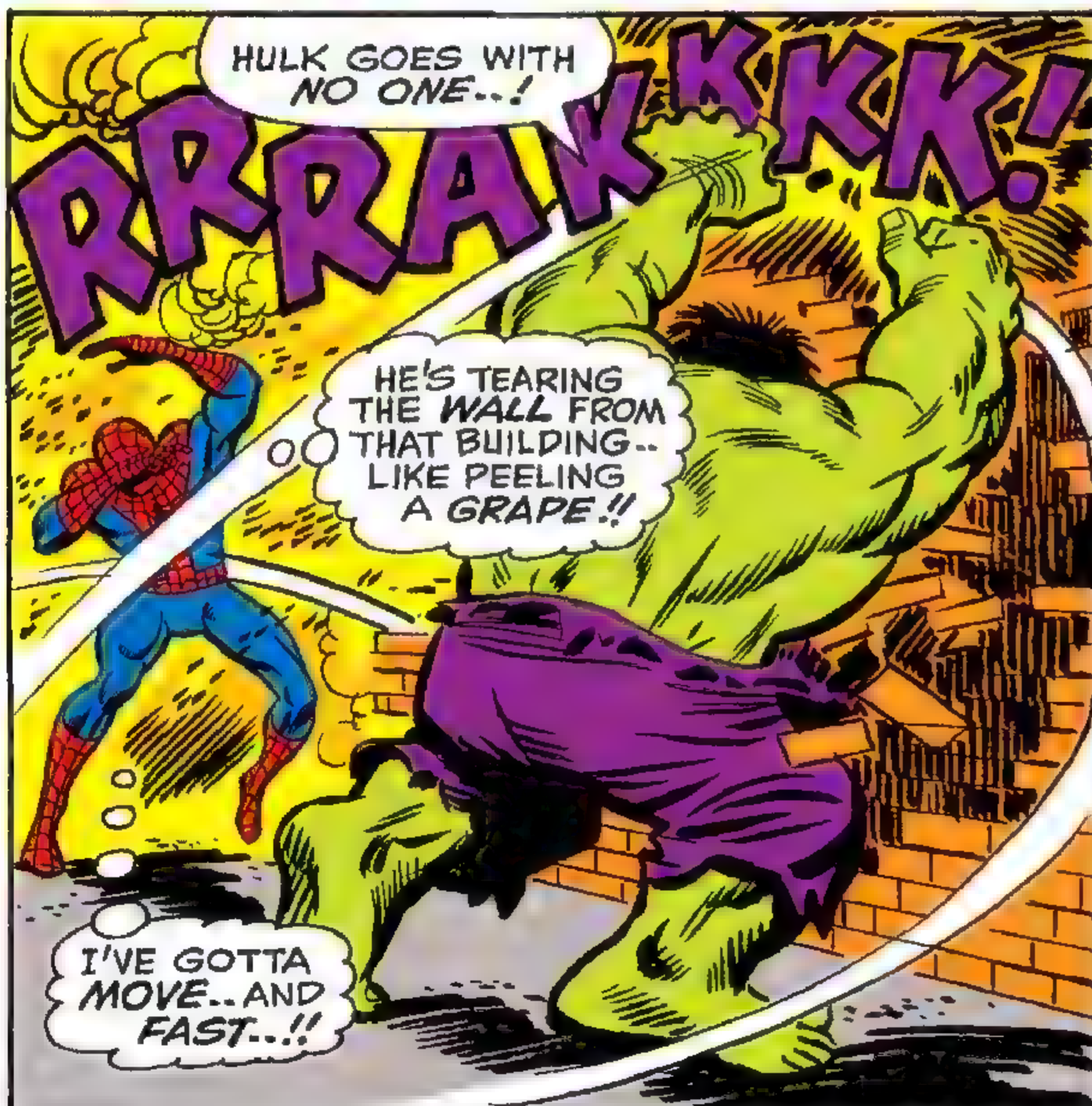
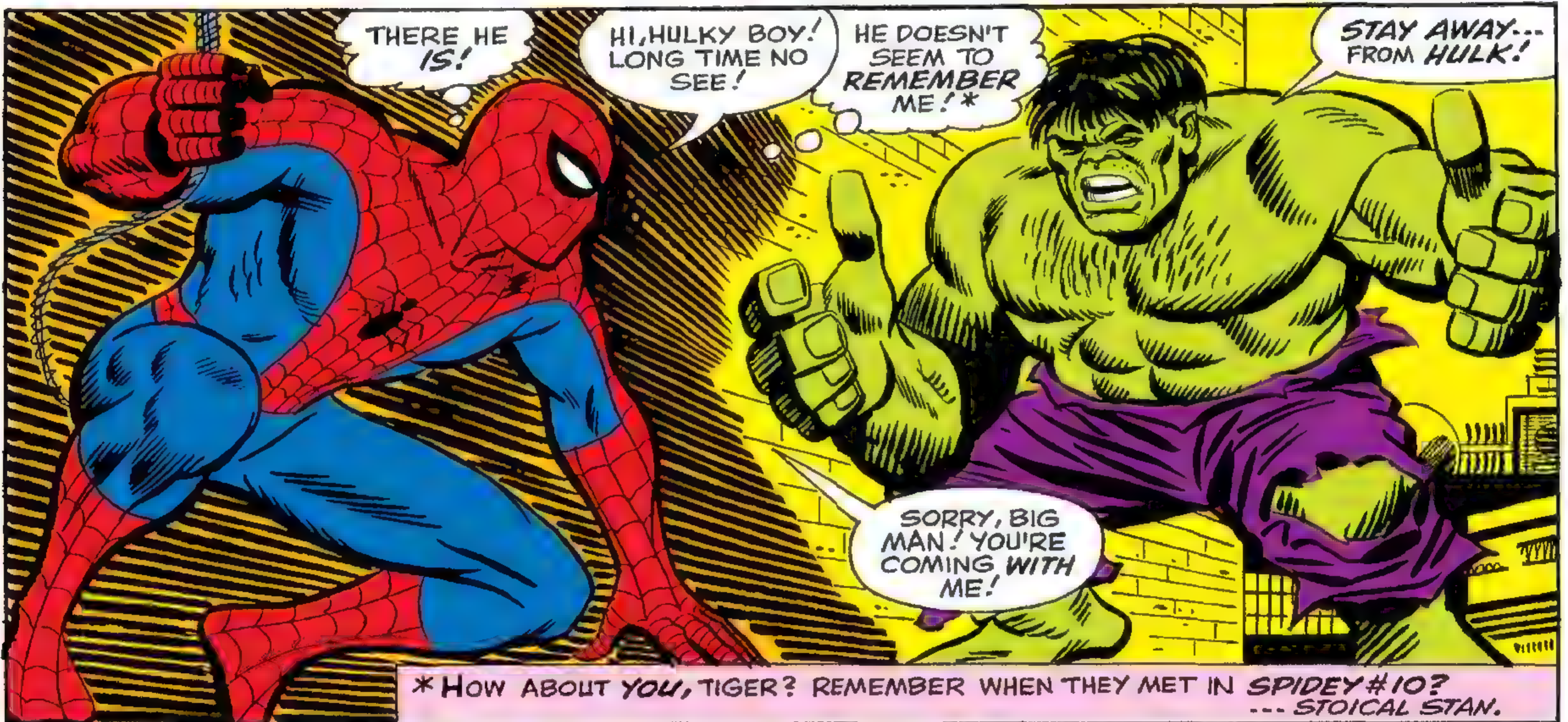
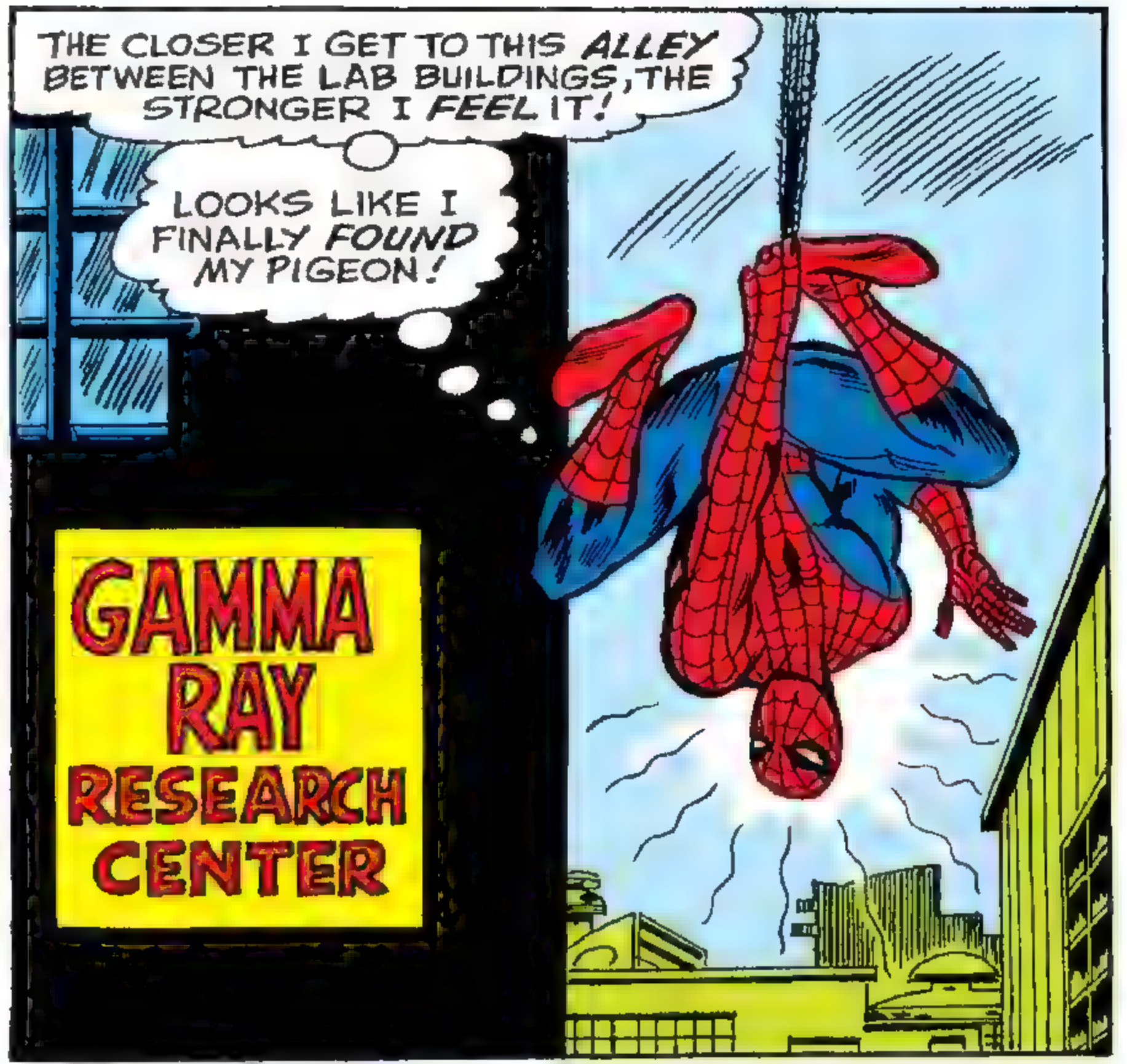


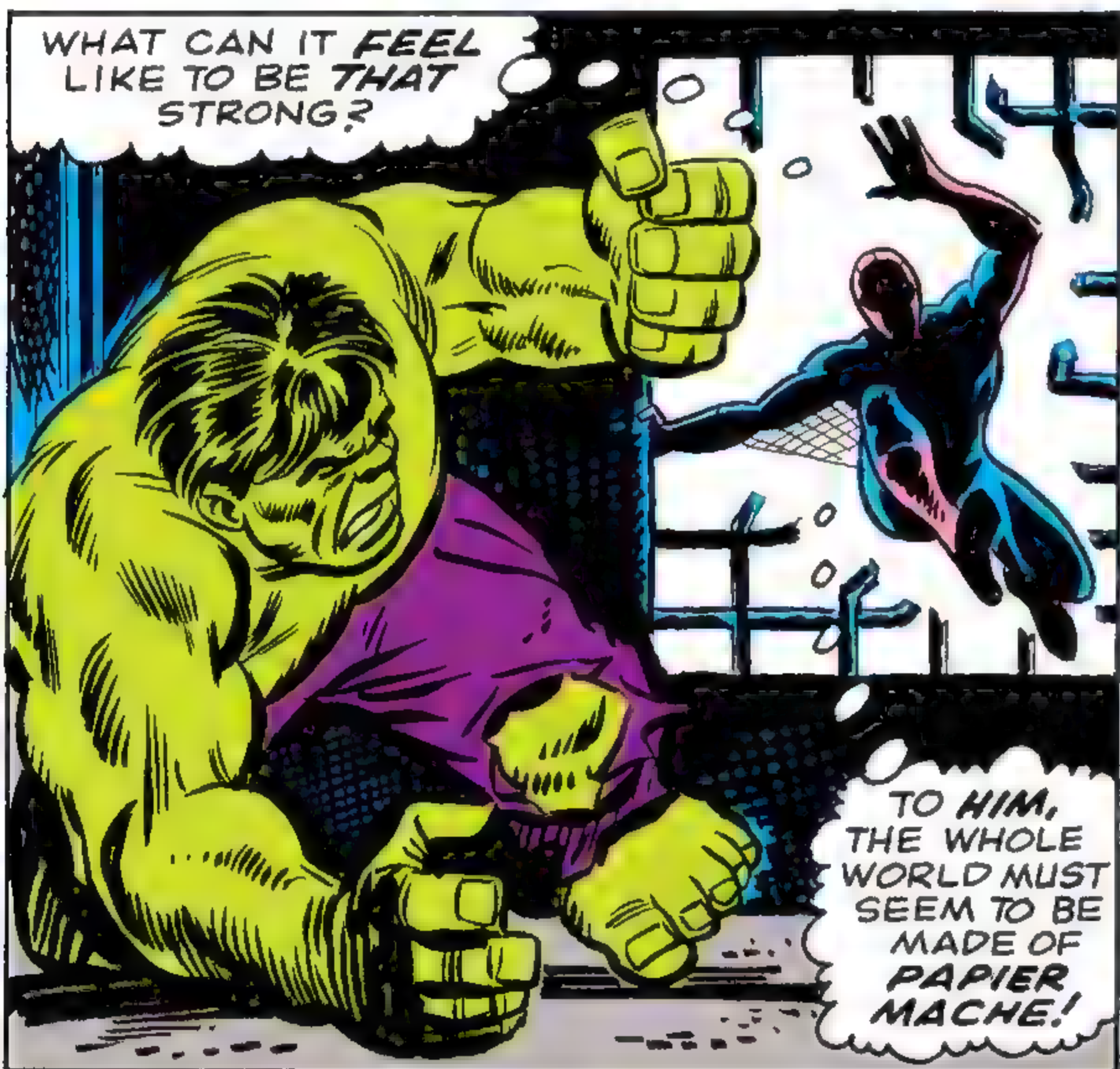


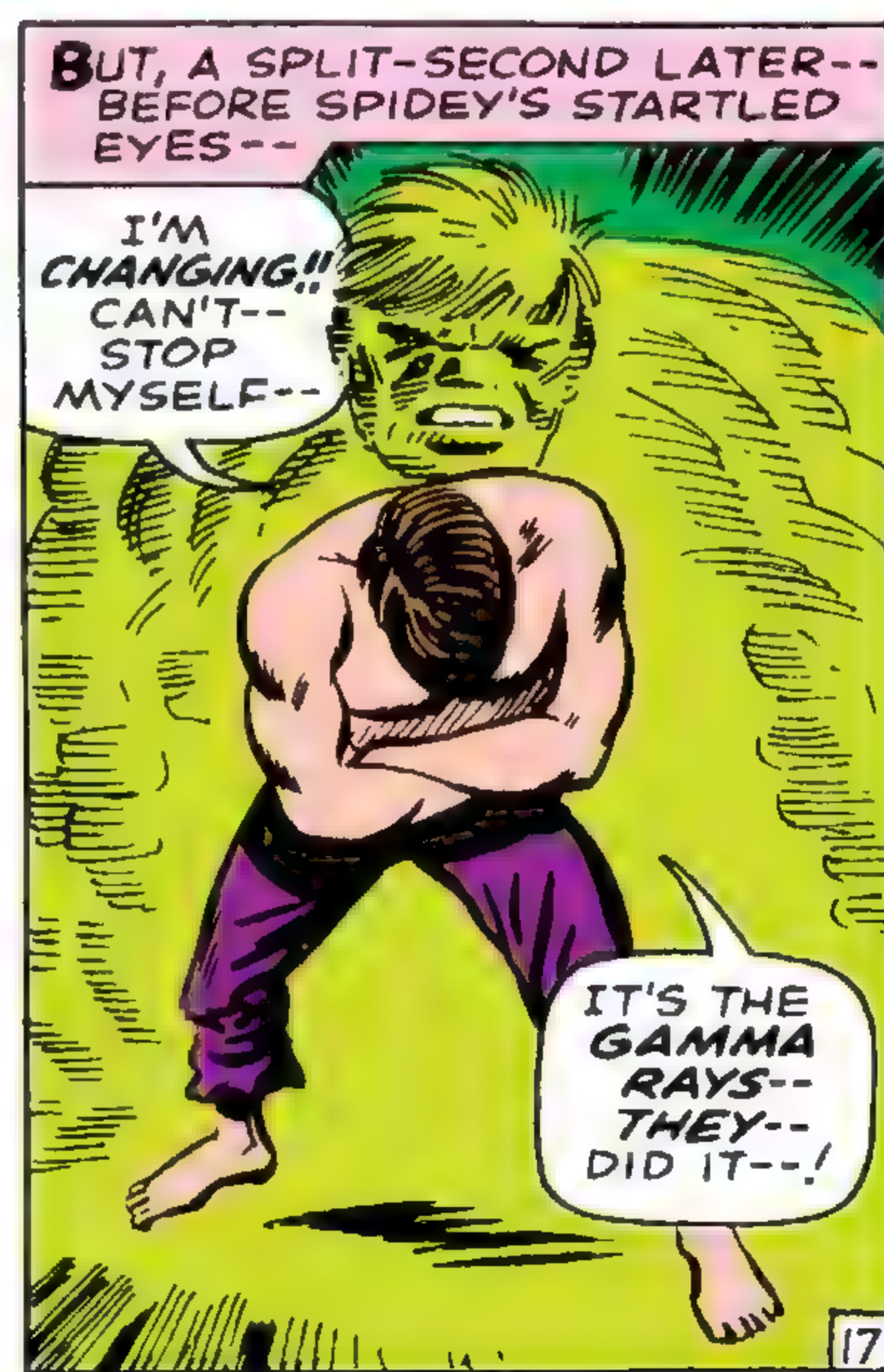
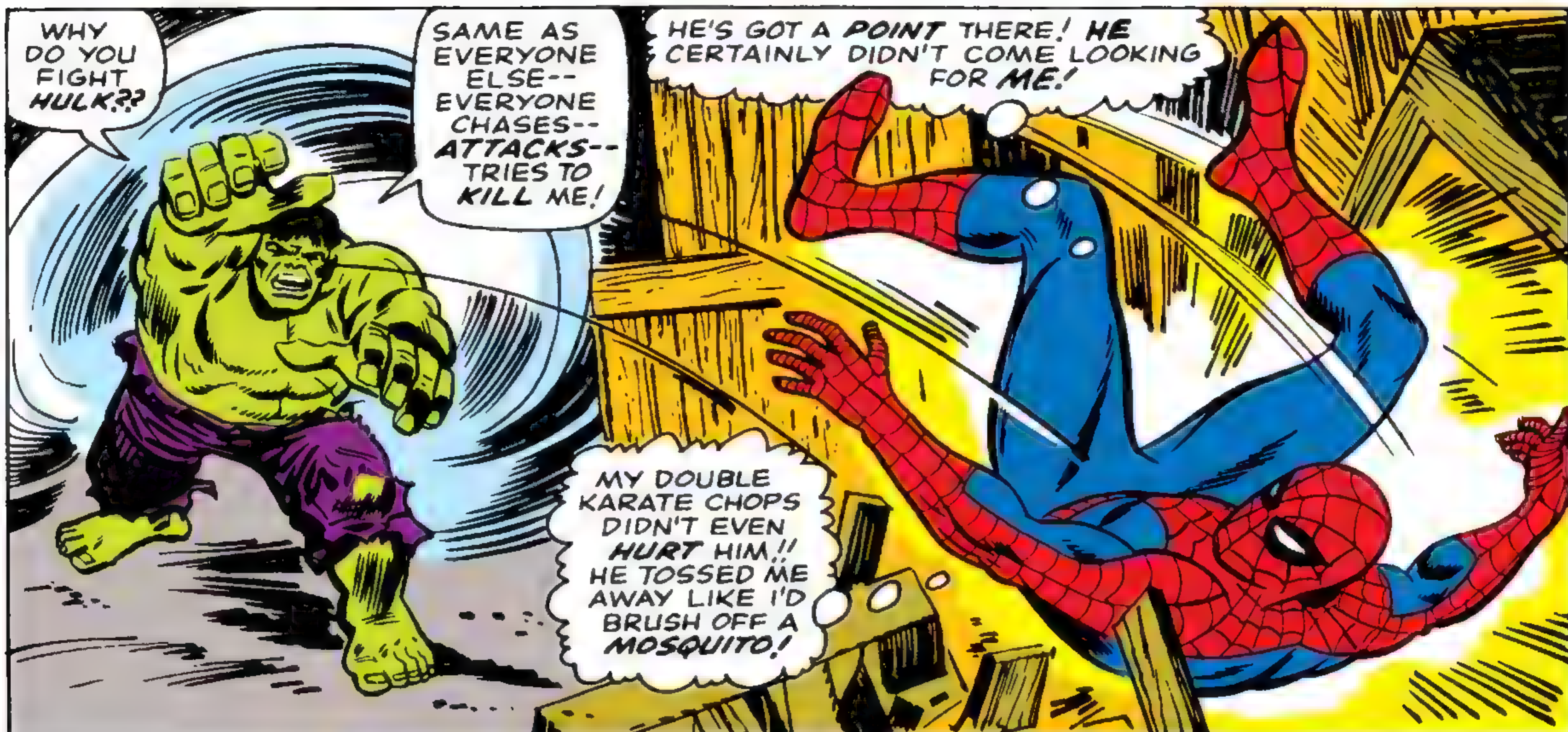














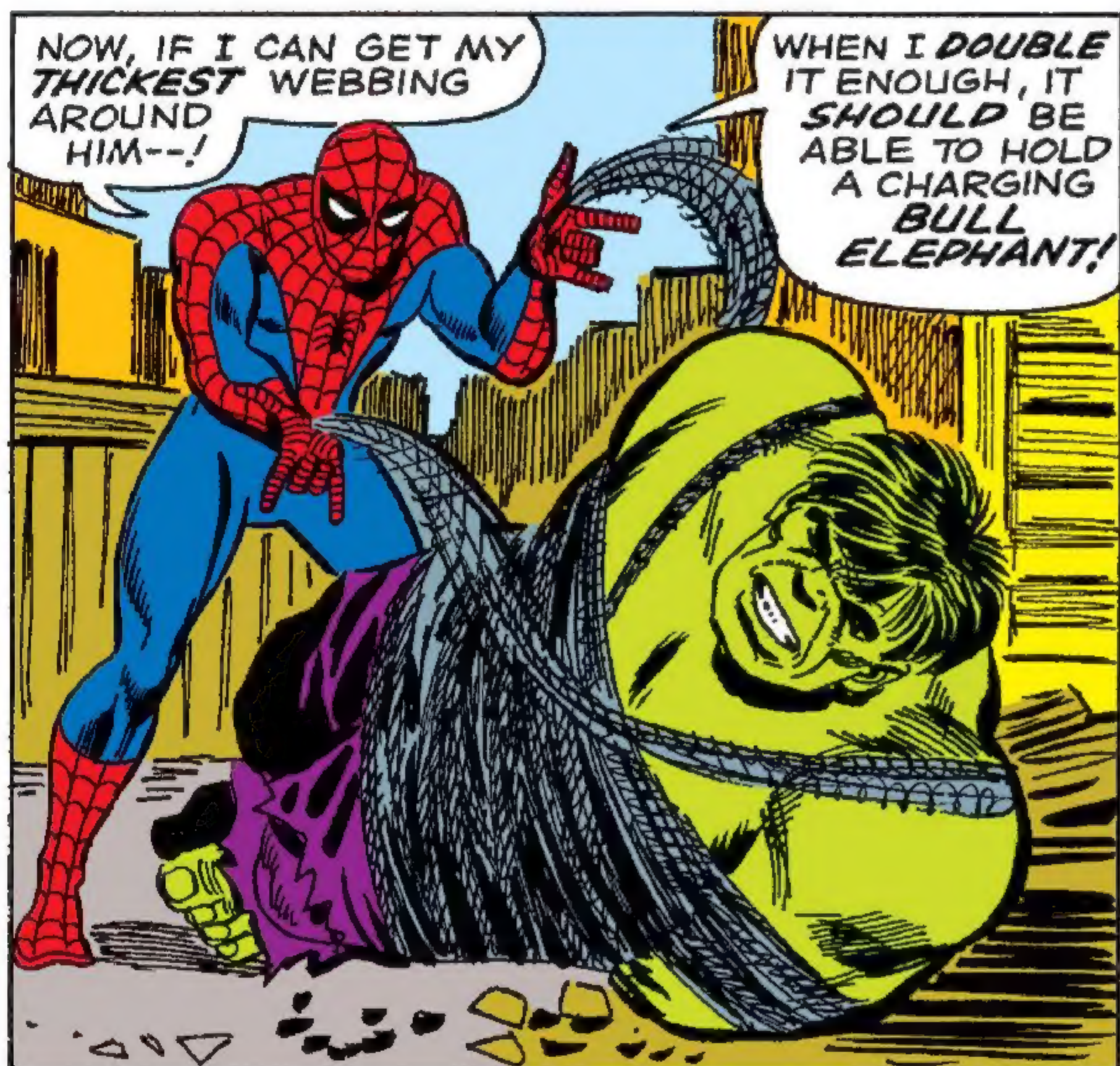


NOW'S MY CHANCE! HE TOLD ME *HIMSELF* THAT HE DOESN'T ATTAIN HIS *FULL STRENGTH* FOR MINUTES AFTER HIS CHANGE!

IF I CAN MOVE *FAST ENOUGH*-- HIT *HARD ENOUGH*--I'LL GET HIM!



I *DID IT!* I STAGGERED THE *HULK!!*



NOW, IF I CAN GET MY *THICKEST* WEBBING AROUND HIM--!

WHEN I *DOUBLE* IT ENOUGH, IT *SHOULD* BE ABLE TO HOLD A CHARGING *BULL ELEPHANT!*



BUT--THE WAY HE'S *LOOKING* AT ME! LIKE A WOUNDED *BEAST*--NOT KNOWING WHY HE'S BEEN HUNTED --OR HURT--!

BURIED SOMEWHERE INSIDE THAT CLOUDED BRAIN IS ONE OF THE GREATEST *INTELLECTS* OF OUR TIME!

A MAN LIKE *DR. BANNER* DESERVES SOMETHING BETTER-- THAN *THIS*--!



I CAN'T DO IT! I CAN'T TURN HIM OVER TO THE *AVENGERS!*

MAYBE I'M *WRONG!* MAYBE HE *SHOULD* BE THEIR CAPTIVE! BUT, THERE'S MORE TO THIS POOR, TORTURED BEING THAN MEETS THE EYE--!

AND I'M NOT PUTTING *MYSELF* UP AS JUDGE AND JURY!

NO ONE TIES UP *HULK!*

I'M SETTING HIM *FREE!*

UH OH! HE'S STARTING TO *STRUGGLE*--!



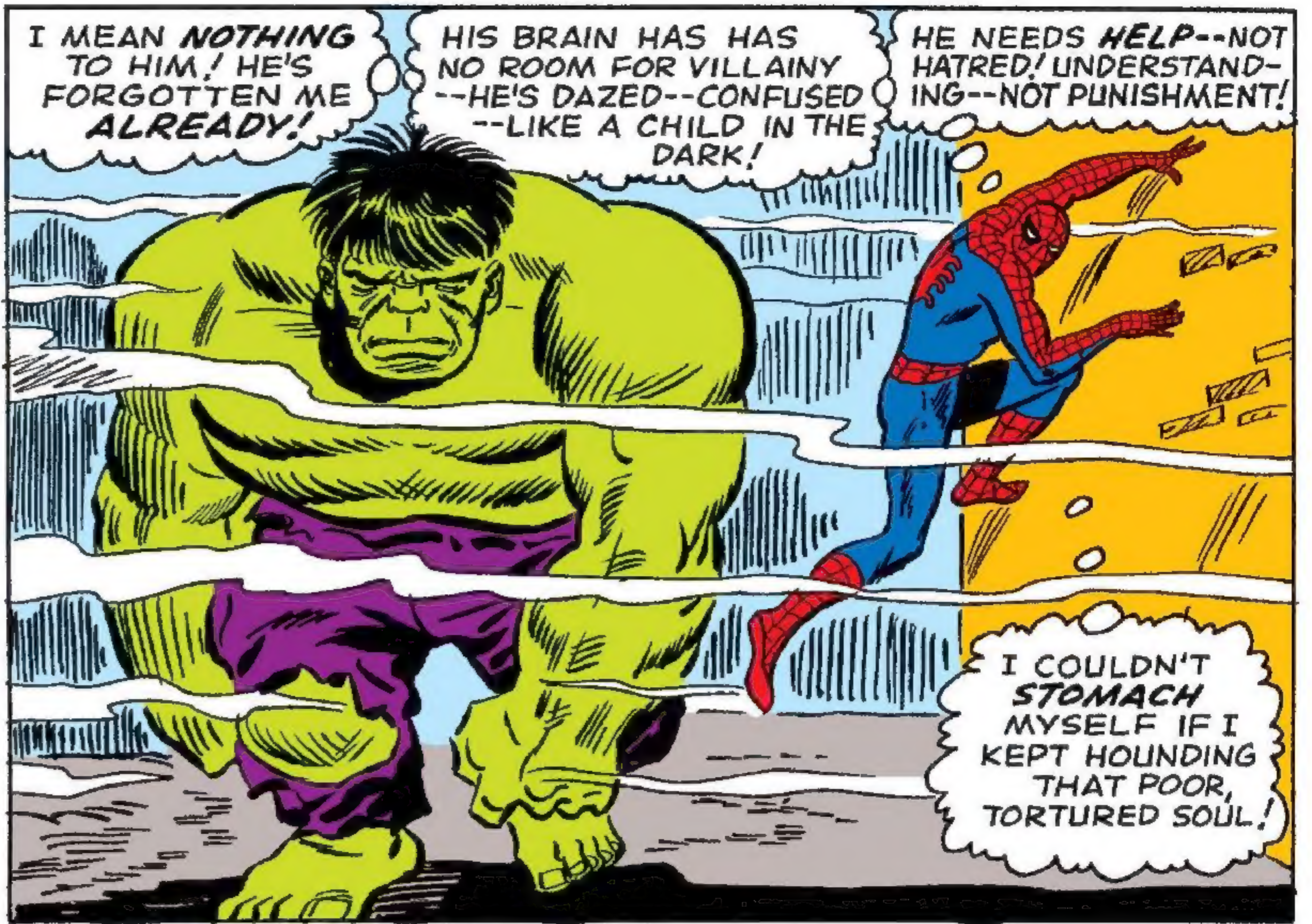
I DIDN'T *HAVE* TO UNTIE HIM!! HIS STRENGTH *RETURNED!* HE BUSTED MY WEBBING LIKE IT WASN'T *THERE!!*

HULK MUST BE *FREE!*



NOTHING
STOPS
HULK!!
NOTHING!

UNHHH!- AND
I'M NOT ABOUT
TO ARGUE WITH
THOSE
SENTIMENTS!



I MEAN NOTHING
TO HIM! HE'S
FORGOTTEN ME
ALREADY!

HIS BRAIN HAS HAS
NO ROOM FOR VILLAINY
--HE'S DAZED--CONFUSED
--LIKE A CHILD IN THE
DARK!

HE NEEDS HELP--NOT
HATRED! UNDERSTAND-
ING--NOT PUNISHMENT!

I COULDN'T
STOMACH
MYSELF IF I
KEPT HOUNDING
THAT POOR,
TORTURED SOUL!



A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE AVENGERS HQ...

WE SHOULD
HAVE
HEARD
FROM
SPIDER-
MAN
BY NOW!

YES! I
WOULDN'T
THINK THE
HULK
WOULD BE
THAT HARD
TO FIND!

PERHAPS
THE
HULK
BEAT
HIM!

WISHFUL THINKING,
HONEY! SPIDEY'S
TOO SMART!

HOW
LONG
HAS IT
BEEN?

WE WILL
WAIT
ONE
HOUR
LONGER!



IT'S POSSIBLE
THAT HE FAILED,
AND DOESN'T
WANT TO FACE
US--

FORGET
IT, CAP!
THERE
HE IS
NOW!



WHERE'S THE
HULK? WHAT
HAPPENED?

HE'S NOT
COMING IN!

LOOKS LIKE YOU GENTS'LL HAVE TO DO YOUR
AVENGING WITHOUT ME!

LOOKS
LIKE
NO
SHOW
TO ME!

WAIT!
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

I COULDN'T
EVEN FIND THAT
BIG GREEN GLOOP!

SO, THIS IS
YOUR FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD
SPIDER-MAN
SIGNING OFF
FOR NOW!

